

California Libertarian News

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LPC MEMBERSHIP DRIVE UPDATE

With 5 weeks remaining in this year's membership drive, membership in the LPC has reached a four-year high of 1311, surpassing last year's high of 1260.

Santa Clara and Sacramento Counties continue to lead in the race to win a banner for greatest numerical increase and greatest percentage increase, but San Diego, Orange, and Los Angeles Region 62 are still in the running.

The response to our mailings to former LPC members, National LP members and contributors has been so successful that we have sent a second mailing to all three groups, giving them a second opportunity to join the LPC in time to get a tax credit for 1985.

For current LPC members who haven't renewed yet for 1986, an envelope is enclosed, and this newsletter is being sent first-class, so that you may get your tax credit by renewing or making an additional contribution by December 31, 1985.

CAMPAIGN '86 IS UNDERWAY

By the time you receive this, scores of California Libertarians will be circulating petitions to have their names placed on the Libertarian Primary ballot. At press time, however, we don't know the names of very many of these candidates. Bruce Daniel has been the only LPC member to advise this publication of his candidacy (for the 14th Congressional Dist.) Other Libertarians apparently see some advantage in keeping their candidacy a secret.

However, we have learned that the following Libertarians intend to run for office in 1986:

For U. S. Senate:	Breck McKinley
For Attorney General:	Bart Lee
For Secretary of State:	Richard Winger
For Controller:	Carolyn Treynor
For Treasurer:	Ray Cullen, CPA

Earlier, Bill White was planning to run for Controller, but graciously deferred to Carolyn Treynor at the recommendation of the Candidate Recruitment Committee. That committee feels it is crucial to have "a woman" as a candidate for at least one of the statewide offices, in order to insure the minimum 2% vote necessary to maintain the LPC's ballot status.

Candidates may pick up petition forms for signatures in lieu of filing fee from their county registrar between December 27th and January 27th. These signatures may be used to waive any or all of the filing fee (\$722 for Congressional Candidates, \$337.32 for Assembly and State Senate Candidates.) The maximum signature requirement to waive the entire filing fee for any of these offices is 150 signatures or 10% of the registered Libertarians in the district, whichever is less.

These signatures must be filed by February 5th. Then candidates have from February 10th until March 7th to collect 40 nominating signatures.

Petitioning lists of registered Libertarians have been sent to all LPC county and regional chairs. LPC Candidate Coordinator Mike Hall ((213) 254-1776) has lists available for counties where there is no LPC county chair. Or candidates may buy more up-to-date lists from their county registrar-recorder.

1986 LPC CONVENTION NEARS

Libertarians throughout California are making plans to descend upon the Viscount Hotel in West Los Angeles for the 1986 State Convention of the Libertarian Party of California, February 14 - 17, 1986.

Leading up to the Convention, most local LP organizations will be electing delegates at their January meetings (see page 4.) However, you don't have to be a delegate to attend the Convention. Plenty of activities are being scheduled for non-delegates as well as delegates.

Paul Jacob, who is now out of jail, will be the guest of honor at the Valentine's Day Cocktail Party on Friday night.

On Saturday night a "BBQ" dinner will feature a humorous history of the LP, including roasts of some leading libertarians.

The Grand Banquet on Sunday night will kick off Campaign '86 with appearances by our candidates for Governor, U. S. Senator, and possibly a few others. There will be dancing following the festivities.

Libertarian County Supervisor Tom Tryon (Calaveras County), who successfully fought off a recall effort in 1985, will be the featured speaker at the Sam Adams Luncheon, which ends the Convention on Monday.

Business to be conducted Saturday and Sunday includes (a) modifications to the LPC platform; (b) modifications to the LPC bylaws; (c) endorsement of statewide candidates; and (d) resolutions. On Monday morning the convention will elect new statewide officers for 1986.

Breakfast and lunch speakers scheduled include: Michael Grossberg on "Freedom and Human Potential"; Norma Jean Almodovar on "Cop to Callgirl"; John Fund on "A Visitors Guide to an Alien World: Washington D. C."; and Robert Poole on "Unnatural Monopolies, the Case for Deregulating Public Utilities".

Non-delegates may either observe the convention floor activity (platform, bylaws, etc.) or attend workshops in nearby rooms conducted by Spencer McCallum, John Fund, Michael Grossberg, John Dentinger, Scott McKoewn, David Theroux, Phil Fixler, Rick Higgs, Bart Lee, Tom Lisjac, and Marshall Fritz, among others.

Add to all this the opportunity to shop at exhibit booths of various Libertarian enterprises, plus the opportunity to meet hundreds of other California Libertarians and socialize at after-hours hospitality suites, and you have a truly remarkable weekend no Libertarian would want to miss.

A full package covering all events, including meals, costs less than \$200, if purchased by February 7th. (Brochures with order forms will be in the mail shortly.) And you could even get by for less by picking just the events you plan to attend. Basic registration, which gets you a program and access to the convention floor is only \$5. A single or double room at the Viscount Hotel is only \$55 per night and includes free parking. The Viscount runs a shuttle service to Los Angeles International Airport, one mile away.

So don't miss THE EVENT of 1986 for California Libertarians: The 1986 Convention of the Libertarian Party of California, February 14 - 17, at the Viscount Hotel in West Los Angeles.

Randolph Defects

Fairbanks, AK - In a surprising move, former Alaska LP State Chair and 1982 gubernatorial candidate Dick Randolph formally announced on October 23 that he was joining the Republican Party in order to compete in the 1986 Alaska GOP primary race for governor.

Rumors of the Randolph switch began to circulate in late July, and were confirmed during late August in a lengthy interview with Randolph in the *All-Alaska Weekly*. In that interview, Randolph admitted that he was "seriously considering" running for the Republican nomination, and noted that "I would like very much to be governor." Asked to comment on his reasons for leaving the LP, Randolph said, "The Libertarian Party is in shambles, and continues on both the national and state scene in a descending position." He went on to claim that "it's declining, not gaining members and is at a very low ebb of activity." Randolph has been quoted as saying the LP "has been dead since 1982."

Asked about reasons for this alleged decline of the LP, the 49-year-old insurance man and former State Representative (on both the GOP and LP tickets) said he thought the decline had to do with the election and re-election of Ronald Reagan, and what he described as the co-optation of the libertarian message by Reagan conservatives.

Public and media reaction has largely been neutral. An August editorial in the *Peninsula Clarion* had this to say:

Even given the open primary system of Alaska politics, this latest move by Randolph is difficult to fathom. This is the same man who has assailed Democrats and Republicans as spineless twins, neither of whom is willing or able to effectively address the ills of the country or the state.

As the Libertarian standardbearer, he has been a thorn in the side of Republicans, a burr under their saddle. That is not all bad, certainly, but it

Hess Joins LP

Shenandoah Valley, WV - Noted political author, speechwriter, lecturer, tax resister and welder Karl Hess recently announced his membership in the Libertarian Party. Speaking at a breakfast event at the August LP Convention in Phoenix, Hess admitted he finally "came out of the closet" and joined the LP, and even agreed to serve as a delegate from West Virginia at the Convention. He said he realized that the LP was basically an organization trying to do mostly "good things" and whose aims were largely similar to his own. He also added that he didn't intend to become particularly active again in politics and he was not much in evidence on the convention floor as a delegate.

Credit for Hess's appearance and membership is attributable to West Virginia LP Chair and National Committee member Steve Fielder, who has known Hess for several years and urged him to publically affiliate with the LP. While Karl Hess is one of the principal "godfathers" of the modern libertarian movement, with his 1969 article "The Death of Politics" responsible for defining the large differences between libertarians and conservatives, Hess in later years became explicitly anarchistic and worked mostly with leftist oriented community and neighborhood organizations.

At his breakfast speech to a packed

house, Hess said that he believed he had not changed so much as other people in politics had changed in relation to him. While his community and neighborhood orientation seemed to put off some libertarians, his individualist and anti-statist orientation tended to put off some leftists even more. Once he quit paying income taxes and became a "cash only" tax rebel, the reality of being a community oriented productive member of society made living his life as a libertarian much more important and concrete.

Hess said that in order to gain your neighbor's respect, he first has to respect you as a productive member of your community.

Hess, who still occasionally writes and lectures, said his main source of income is welding for practical and artistic purposes.

While originally a socialist when young, Hess later became a newspaper editor and political operative, and authored most of the 1960 Republican Party platform. He became famous as the principal speechwriter in the 1964 Goldwater presidential campaign, and is credited with authoring the phrase, "Extremism in defense of liberty is no vice, moderation in the pursuit of justice is no virtue..."

While Hess's political odyssey has distanced him from many mainstream conservatives, he still has close ties with Republican Senator Barry Goldwater. Hess reportedly stayed at Goldwater's home in Scottsdale while attending the Phoenix LP convention. ■

seems shortsighted to expect the Republicans to have either equally short memories or easily won forgiveness. ...If his desire to be governor is unquenchable, it might be understandable that he would turn his consideration to the Republican Party.

Yet to do so is mere pragmatism — not the high moral call of the reformer that Randolph has seemed to be. If he follows through, he will be viewed by many as a man not of principle but of simple egotistical desire. It is easier to lose supporters that way than to win them.

Interestingly, state Libertarian of-

ficials, while they may not wish to lose Randolph, are hardly quivering in fear at the thought of it.

At his Anchorage press conference announcing his GOP bid, newspaper accounts said Randolph "bristled" when asked if his quest wasn't a trade-off between principle and his desire to be Governor.

Libertarian Alaskan State Representative Andre Marrou, a leading LP strategist in the state, noted in a recent interview with LPN that he was saddened by Randolph's switch and personally hurt, since Randolph "had given me his solemn word at our May state conven-

tion that he would remain in the LP and not switch parties." Randolph later told Marrou that he had changed his mind, but was clearly uncomfortable over the issue.

"It seems to be clearly a matter of egoism versus the political facts," Marrou notes, "since I think it would be nearly impossible for Randolph to beat Democratic Governor Sheffield, who outpolled him 3-to-1 in 1982. And Dick was far more politically visible three years ago than he has been lately.

"Two high ranking Republicans, both party officers and elected officials, have told me what I already suspected. Some of his GOP supporters, particularly from legislators, see Dick's bid as a golden opportunity to decimate the LP, and in particular, wipe me out and keep us from gaining in the state legislature. Then, because the GOP primary is held so late, August 30, 1986, and the closing filing date for candidates isn't until May 31, 1986, they plan a last minute entrance by some heavy-hitters who will neutralize him in the primary race. This means after September, Randolph will be out in the cold, politically, a man without a party." Marrou explains.

Observers note that Randolph's expensive (\$38/vote) 1982 LP bid was also based upon last minute outcomes in the GOP primary. His strategy hinged on a weak Republican getting the nod. But it didn't turn out that way.

Marrou also noted that there are already two other declared GOP candidates including an Anchorage State Senator. There are also two former GOP governors, who weren't allowed to succeed themselves for a third term but are now eligible to run again. Other possible candidates included a former GOP state house speaker, a well known banker/economist, a prominent former ambassador with ties to Reagan, and both Alaskan U.S. Senators and its congressional representative, all Republicans.

"Randolph seems to think he'll entice 90% of the LP members in the state to support his bid, rather than our own candidate," Marrou explained, "but I think it will be closer to 10%. Unfortunately, when I heard him here in Homer recently, he was already compromising on the issues, sounding like a Republican. When asked which state agencies he would cut or abolish, he said he wouldn't give specifics and needed more time to study the matter.

Randolph's Statement to LPN

"After long consideration, I've decided to run for governor as a Republican. Although a difficult decision, it rested on the answer to a simple question: What can I best do to further the cause of freedom?"

"Despite my successes — I'm proud of by Libertarian activities — I've concluded the LP is not an effective vehicle for activists who seek political offices to reduce government's overwhelming presence. Obviously victory is possible in isolated cases (as demonstrated by Alaska LP representative Andre Marrou), but generally LP candidates don't finish first.

"My greatest contribution to freedom, I believe, is to finish first in the governor's race. As governor, I can implement programs based on free market economics, private property rights, and minimal government interference in personal lives. My dedication to these goals stands unquestioned. To paraphrase Robert Ringer, I want to restore the Alaska dream."

WHO WILL WIN THE KARL BRAY AWARD?

A suspenseful moment at the close of each state convention is the awarding, at the Sam Adams Luncheon, of the Karl J. Bray Memorial Award, the LPC's highest and most prestigious prize, honoring conspicuous and meritorious activism on behalf of the Libertarian Party. Past winners have been: Jack Dean, Dan Mahaffey, Less Antman, Karen Huffman, and Jim McClarin.

Nominations for this year's award are now open. Any LPC member may nominate any other LPC member by sending three copies of their nomination to: Bruce Lagasse, 14607 Erwin, No. 311, Van Nuys, CA 91411, so that he receives it no later than Jan. 20, 1986. The cutoff date for qualifying activity is Dec. 31, 1985.

Your nomination form may be in any format, as long as it conveys the following information:

(1) Name, address, phone and region or county of nominee; Name, address, phone and region or county of nominator
(2) Names, dates, places, and other pertinent factual details relating to nominee's cited activity.

(3) Attestation: "I hereby certify that the above described details are true and correct, of my own knowledge." -- signed by nominator and witness.

(4) Subjective discussion of nominee's activity (ies), including: implications; benefits; impact; subjective and qualitative arguments by the nominator, based on the factual details cited above, that would demonstrate to the Selection Committee (Bruce Lagasse, David Bergland, Bill White) that the personal, self-initiated and conspicuous activities of the nominee have signally and materially advanced the goals of the Libertarian Party of California. This discussion may be as long and embellished as necessary.

LIBERTARIANS ACTIVE ON CAMPUS

The Libertarian movement is starting once again to flourish on the college campus.

At Cal State L. A., Bill Mitchell has been enthusiastically spreading the word through literature tables and events. In September college libertarians sponsored a forum on free trade featuring Ed Clark and Chuck Kadlic. In November they sponsored a forum on freedom movements, featuring leaders from the FDN in Nicaragua, the CID in Cuba, and the VLF in Vietnam.

The Claremont College Libertarians seem to like the idea of debates. Their first was in October, pitting David Ramsey Steele against Dana Ward on the subject of Economic Democracy. Their next debate was on December 5th, on legalizing drugs. The public is welcome at these events. For further information, call Mark Brady at (714) 621-8000, x3769.

DEAN GOES ON TV

Jack Dean, Chairman of the Libertarian Party of California, appeared on "Headlines on Trial" Saturday, Dec. 28th at 6:30 pm on Channel 4 in Los Angeles, to debate whether illegal aliens should be allowed to win the California lottery. Jack said they should. Three other panelists took other views.

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LOCAL EVENTS & CONTACTS

MEMBERSHIP

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		COUNTY	DATE	EVENT	CHAIR or (#) CONTACT	PHONE #
62	13	21% Alameda	THU. Jan. 9	Bill McCord, "Law and Order"	Fred Foldvary	415/548-3776
10	3	30% Butte			Mark Sweany	916/345-9970
31	8	26% Contra Costa			Hugh McLean	415/234-7809
14	1	7% Fresno			Tim Salzer	209/233-4393
10	2	20% Kern			Craig Gifford	805/832-6231
2		Lake			Randall Grindle	707/994-4817
		Los Angeles (Regions 61 - 67)				
78	22	28% -61, San Fernando Valley	WED. Jan. 8	Jack Dean, "New Directions for the Libertarian Movement"; Annual Regional Convention	* Message Center	818/705-6496
51	21	41% -62, West LA	SUN. Jan. 26	Annual Regional Convention	Neal Donner	213/477-6462
51	8	16% -63, Foothills	TUE. Jan. 21	Annual Regional Convention; Mike Hall, "Campaign 86"	* Kim Goldsworthy	818/280-5644
42	12	29% -64, Central LA	THU. Jan. 9	Norma Jean Almodovar, "History of Prostitution in Region 64"; Election of Convention Delegates	Laurel Fest	213/254-1776
21	1	5% -65, Downey	WED. Jan. 8	Election of Convention Delegates	Marty Swinney	213/699-3128
41	10	24% -66, South Bay	THU. Jan. 16	Election of Convention Delegates	Dave Nichols	213/644-3442
16	3	19% -67, East San Gabriel Valley	THU. Jan. 16	Audio Tape of Karl Hess at the 1985 LP Convention	Gail Lightfoot	714/599-1627
			SUN. Jan. 19	Election of Convention Delegates		
9	6	67% Monterey			Bob Ratto	408/424-9346
4	2	50% Nevada			Jim Hosbein	916/273-9174
60	26	43% Orange	TUE. Jan. 14	Election of Convention Delegates	Sharon Ayres	714/966-1211
15		Placer			Bruce Daniel	916/663-2568
13	2	15% Riverside	THU. Jan. 16	Audio Tape of Karl Hess at the 1985 LP Convention	Ron Holman	714/684-5218
11	5	45% Sacramento			Roger Pope	916/921-1776
15	1	7% San Bernardino	THU. Jan. 16	Audio Tape of Karl Hess at the 1985 LP Convention	Brian Bishko	714/792-4037
118	20	17% San Diego	SAT. Jan. 11	Election of Convention Delegates & Officers	* Dick Rider	619/276-4711
			TUE. Jan. 28	Bob Poole, "Defending a Free Society"	* Dick Rider	619/276-4711
			WED. Jan. 29	Bob Poole, "Breaking Up Unnatural Public Utility Monopolies"	* Phyllis Avery	619/439-5899
					* Cary Smith	619/743-3118
33	14	42% San Francisco			Ann Justi	415/864-0952
6		San Luis Obispo			Steve Jacobsen	805/541-0900
31	8	26% San Mateo			Lyn Sapowsky	415/368-8148
24	2	8% Santa Barbara	THU. Jan. 9	Video Supper Club (Goleta), with Ventura Cnty	Jan Bellamy-Genee	805/965-7821
199	29	15% Santa Clara	THU. Jan. 16	Annual County Convention	Jim Wilson	408/CRY-FREE
27	9	33% Santa Cruz			Tim Kilburn	408/688-1376
3	1	33% Solano			Mark Moberg	707/864-1673
11	1	9% Sonoma			Jim Oglesby	707/823-5261
8	1	13% Tulare	SATS. Jan 11&25	Discussion: Henry Hazlitt's "Economics in One Lesson"	Vicky Daley	209/688-4159
9	6	67% Ventura	THU. Jan. 9	Video Supper Club (Goleta), with Santa Barbara Cnty	George Hasara	805/525-6321
29	20	69% (other counties)				

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